

10/561846

IAP20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 22 DEC 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

New National Stage Application

Applicant	:	Karl-Heinz GESING
International Application No.	:	PCT/EP2004/006737
International Filing Date	:	June 22, 2004
For	:	SHAFT ROD INCLUDING A MOVABLE HEALD-DAMPING ELEMENT
National Stage Application No.	:	To Be Assigned
National Stage Filing Date	:	Concurrently
TC/A.U.	:	To Be Assigned
Examiner	:	To Be Assigned
Confirmation No.	:	To Be Assigned
Docket No.	:	7863-88004
Customer No.	:	42798

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, MS PCT
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

December 22, 2005

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This is an Information Disclosure Statement filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

Attached is a Form PTO/SB/08 identifying each of the eight (8) references cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in connection with the above-identified International Application. It is noted that WO 01/48284 is cited and discussed in the paragraph beginning on line 24, page 1 of the present application and is a counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 6,789,580, which is likewise identified in the attached Form PTO/SB/08.

No copy of any of the identified references is enclosed since copies are presumed to already be in the file due to having been forwarded by the European Patent Office as a result of an existing treaty, and/or to be U.S. patent references for which no copies are required. However, if no such copies of the foreign references are in the file and/or copies of these references are desired, please request copies of the desired references from undersigned counsel and they will be supplied.

The attached Form PTO/SB/08 also identifies two (2) further references that are cited and discussed on page 2 in the present application. Note that cited U.S. Patent 3,895,655 is the U.S. counterpart of cited Swiss patent CH 588 582 (copy enclosed).

Since all requirements for the filing of Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is requested that the Examiner consider all of the identified references and indicate such consideration by enclosing a properly initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 with the initial Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,
FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

By: 
Norman N. Kunitz
Registration No. 20,586

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY
Suite 401L
1801 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006-1301
Telephone: (202) 419-7000
Facsimile: (202) 419 -7007

PTO/SB/08a Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO				Application Number	To Be Assigned 104561846
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Filing Date	Concurrently
				First Named Inventor	Karl-Heinz GESING
				Art Unit	To Be Assigned
				Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
(Use as many sheets as necessary)				Attorney Docket	7863-88004
Sheet	1	of	2		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

IAP29 Rec'd PCT/PTO 22 DEC 2005

PTO/SB/08b Substitute for Form 1449B/PTO				Application Number 10/561846 To Be Assigned
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Filing Date Concurrently
				First Named Inventor Karl-Heinz GESING
				Art Unit To Be Assigned
				Examiner Name To Be Assigned
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket 7863-88004

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.